



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Inc.,
3 is an assumed name of the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce
4 of Illinois, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Inc.,
6 and/or the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois,
7 Inc., ("the Chamber") has received over \$1 million in State
8 funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic
9 Opportunity since FY03; and

10 WHEREAS, the Chamber has also received State moneys from
11 several other State agencies; and

12 WHEREAS, in August 2004 the Governor launched the Minority
13 Contractor Training Initiative with \$400,000 in funding for the
14 Chamber; and

15 WHEREAS, in administering that initiative, the Chamber was
16 to work closely with its local Hispanic chambers and
17 organizations; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is
20 directed to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys
21 provided by or through State agencies to the Illinois Hispanic
22 Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and/or the Mexican American Chamber
23 of Commerce of Illinois, Inc., under contracts or grant
24 agreements in Fiscal Years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That this performance audit include but not be
27 limited to, the following determinations:

28 (i) the purposes for which State moneys were provided
29 to the Chamber, for each State agency and for each amount

1 transferred;

2 (ii) the nature and extent of monitoring by State
3 agencies of how the Chamber used the State provided moneys;

4 (iii) the actual use of State moneys by the Chamber
5 including the identity of any sub-recipients and the
6 amounts and purposes of any such pass-throughs;

7 (iv) whether, through a review of available
8 documentation, the Chamber has met or is meeting the
9 purposes for which the State moneys were provided, with
10 specific information concerning the Chamber's staffing
11 levels and its compensation of management employees; and

12 (v) whether the Chamber is in compliance with the
13 applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant
14 agreements pertaining to the Chamber's receipt of State
15 moneys; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,
17 Inc., the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois,
18 Inc, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and
19 any other State agency or other entity or person that may have
20 information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly
21 with the Auditor General's Office in its audit; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
24 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations
25 upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section
26 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.